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SUBJ: ISFAHAN'S FIRES STILL BURNING

REF: TEHRAN 7311

SUMMARY: TWO MORE BOMBING INCIDENTS IN ISFAHAN, MULLAH TAHERI UNDER ARREST IN TEHRAN. ELSEWHERE QUIET REIGNS. END SUMMARY

- 1. AT ABOUT 5 P.M. AUGUST 2, FOUR UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS BROKE WINDOWS OF THE POL RESTAURANT AND FIRE BOMBED IT, COMPLETELY GUTTING IT. TWO EMPLOYEES IN BUILDING ESCAPED UNHURT, NO INJURIES KNOWN. RESTAURANT IS SITUATED IN COMPLEX WHICH INCLUDES SUITE AND PARK RESIDENTIAL HOTELS WHICH WERE DAMAGED BY SMOKE AND ARE USED EXTENSIVELY BY BELL HELICOPTER INTERNATIONAL AND IRANIAN ARMY AIR FORCE. ALTHOUGH RESTAURANT OWNED BY A KOREAN, IT WAS USED ALMOST ENTIRELY BY AMERICANS.
- 2. ABOUT FIVE HOURS LATER, LARGE FIRE WITH HIGH RISING SMOKE COLUMN WAS NOTED NEAR SEITOON MOSQUE (MULLAH TAHERI'S HOME MOSQUE) IN SOUTHERN ISFAHAN. EXTENT OF DAMAGE THERE NOT KNOW. ISFAHAN QUIET CONFIDENTIAL

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SO FAR ON AUGUST 3.

3. ISFAHAN U.S. CONSUL MCGAFFEY NOTES THAT THIS IS SECOND INCIDENT WHICH SEEMS AT LEAST PARTIALLY TARGETED AT FOREIGNORS (WHICH IN ISFAHAN VIRTUALLY MEANS AMERICANS, GIVEN PREPONDERANT NUMBER OF AMCITS THERE). SO FAR AUGUST 3 SCENE IS QUIET.

- 4. SAVAK ISFAHAN CONFIRMED TO MCGAFFEY THAT MULLAH TAHERI HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY SAVAK TEAM BECAUSE HE HAD CONTINUED TO "SAY BAD THINGS," AFTER HIS RETURN FROM EXILE. ACCORDING TO SAVAK SOURCE IN ISFAHAN, TAHERI HAS BEEN MOVED TO TEHRAN.
- 5. ELSEWHERE IN IRAN, SITUATION APPEARS QUIET. NAAS

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